Appl. No. 10/576,534 Amdt. dated December 7, 2009 Reply to Office Action of August 6, 2009 Atty. Ref. 83363.0015 Customer No. 26021

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takuji NISHIDE et al.

Serial No. 10/576,534 Confirmation No. 3794

Filed: April 9, 2007

For: Aspiration Catheter

Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Holloway, Ian Knobel

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2009, the time for response to which has been extended one month by the enclosed Petition to December 6, 2009, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.